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This Week in Indiana History: May 15—May 21, 1944

On this week in Indiana history Hoosiers lost one of their great literary contributors, George Ade, who died on May 16, 1944 in Brook, Indiana.

George Ade was born February 9, 1866 in Kentland, Indiana. In 1883, Ade enrolled at Purdue University where he cultivated his love of literature and theater.

He got his start in newspapers and 1896, he published his first book, *Artie*. He then moved on to writing theater scripts. His plays, such as *The Sultan of Sulu* and *The Sho-gun*, were popular with audiences.

Ade moved back to Indiana in 1904. He served as a delegate for the Republican National Convention, was a trustee of Purdue University and held the position of chief national officer of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He is one half of the namesake of the Ross-Ade Stadium at Purdue University.

The Indiana State Library houses many George Ade works, biographies, and personal papers.

